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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [63], **Related U.S. Application Data**, delete "Continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/277,823, filed on Mar. 29, 1999, now abandoned" and replace with the following paragraph:

-- The patent claims priority of U.S. application Serial No. 09/277,823, filed March 29, 1999, in accordance with PCT Article 8 and 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) and (b). --.

Column 15,

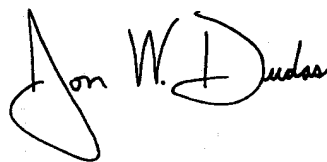
Line 63, "C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-arylalkyl" should read -- C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-arylalkyl --.

Column 18,

Line 1, "p position" should read --  $\beta$  position --.

Signed and Sealed this

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